REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on June 7, 2004.

Claims 4, 6, and 13 are amended. No claims have been added.

Claims 1-3, 12, and 24-25 have been canceled without prejudice by way of this amendment. Claim 23 was previously canceled. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute canceled claims in continuation and/or divisional applications.

As a result, claims 4-11, 13-22, and 26-27 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Volk et al. (U.S. 6,166,563). Claims 24 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Diepstraten et al. (U.S. 5,553,316). Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burton et al. (U.S. 5,012,489) in view of Volk et al. Claims 1-3 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, these rejections are moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 7-11, 14-22, 26, and 27 have been allowed.

Claims 4-6 and 13 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but they were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 4, which originally depended from claim 1, has been rewritten in independent form. The limitations of claims 2 and 3 have also been included in claim 4, to provide proper antecedent basis for "the destination location bits" and "the hard-wired identification location bits" in claim 4. The word "and" has also been inserted before the "enabling" operation.

Claim 6, which originally depended from claim 1, has been rewritten in independent form. The word "and" has also been inserted before the "enabling" operation.

Claim 13, which originally depended from claim 12, has been rewritten in independent form.

Applicants respectfully tender that claims 4-6 and 13, as amended, incorporate all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims, and that they are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney, Lucinda Price (located in Gainesville, Florida), at (352) 373-8804, or Applicants' below-named representative (located in Minneapolis, Minnesota), if prosecution will be assisted thereby.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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